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Docket No: JA998-227
Serial No: 09/488,653

Comments: RCE and Amendment attached

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 20, 2000, applicant may
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Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 18, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14885 (Mar. 20, 2000); 1235 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which
established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unsubmitted amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. ☐ Other _____
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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. ☐ Other _____

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b. ☐ Other _____

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